

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, September 15, 2010**

**Commissioners Present:** T. Oyos, T. Harrison, G. Molina de Pick, B. Abrams, S. Henry, G. Lynn, N. Murray Ramirez, C. Ramos

**Commissioners Excused:** J. Abrams, M. Alcock, M. Lee, R. Shim, M. Dillon, G. Mitrovich

**Staff Present:** Danell Scarborough, Executive Director; Rimah Khouri, Labor Relations Officer

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- a. **Call to Order:** Chair Abrams called the 222<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the City of San Diego Human Relations Commission (HRC) to order at 5:30 p.m.
- b. **Roll Call**
- c. **Approval of Minutes**
  - ✓ Motioned by Commissioner Murray-Ramirez to approve the August 18, 2010 Minutes
  - ✓ Seconded by Commissioner Oyos
  - ✓ Motion passed
- d. **Public Comment**
  - i. Tom Jensen, former Puppet Theater puppeteer, spoke about abuse and discrimination he experienced at the Puppet Theater in Balboa Park. Commissioner Murray-Ramirez suggested his commentary be forwarded to Council Member Gloria's Office to review.
  - ii. Edgar Hopida, Executive Director of Council on Islamic American Relations spoke about the attacks against mosques and hate crimes against Muslim-Americans happening around the country and the impact on local community members. Ideas about future partnerships opportunities were offered.

**II. PRESENTATIONS**

**a. Impact of Proposition D on San Diego Families**

Councilmember Donna Frye, Council District 6, City of San Diego, provided an overview of Proposition D and a review of the essential public safety and other city services that are at risk of drastic cuts should it not pass.

**III. BUSINESS**

**a. OLD BUSINESS**

- i. **HRC Statement Urging Tolerance and Inclusion**  
Item continued
- ii. **Update on progress regarding reestablishing a County HRC**  
No update at this time
- iii. **Update on County Food Stamp Program Working Group**  
Caring Council are members and County made clear that certain items would not be part of the discussions.

**iv. Update on HRC Annual Awards and Commendations**

Letters have been sent out and letters will be sent to all the Commissioners.

**b. NEW BUSINESS**

**i. Commendation honoring Morris Casuto leadership and retirement**

- ✓ Motioned by Commissioner Molina de Pick to honor Morris Casuto with an HRC Commendation
- ✓ Seconded by Commissioner Lee
- ✓ Motion passed

**IV. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**a. Hate Crimes – 2009 State of California Statistics and Trends**

- i. There was a decrease of 21.8% from 2008 to 2009
- ii. Statistics are based on penal code violations

**b. Update on HRC membership in CAHRO**

**c. Update on Education Consortium's activities**

- i. There are active scheduled check-ups of A-G classes for parents

**VI. LEGISLATIVE REPORT – State legislation session concluded**

**VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**a. Task force updates**

**b. Event updates**

- i. UAAMAC's Judicial Reform Town Hall
- ii. City Club's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- iii. UAAMAC's Superintendent Meeting
- iv. CPI Gala 2010

**VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED:**

**Prepared by Rimah Khouri, Labor Relations Officer**

**Approved by Danell Scarborough, Executive Director**